

## TO SAVE OLD CAPITOL

Plan to Preserve Dilapidated Building Standing Near Ft. Riley.

New Efforts may be made to preserve for posterity the first capitol of Kansas, according to William E. Connelley, secretary of the Kansas State Historical society. A number of persons, including State Senator J. W. Howe of Abilene, have complained that the building located near Fort Riley is gradually falling to pieces for the want of care.

In the old stone building, which is now minus roof, windows, doors and doors, the first legislature of the territory of Kansas held its first session on July 2, 1855. Built at the "head of navigation" of the Kansas river, the building first was used by the town company as a warehouse. Reports to Mr. Connelley indicate that the river has eaten its way up to the site of the building until today it threatens to engulf it.

The building is also historical as the home of the "bogus legislature" of Kansas. This legislature was said to have been elected by the votes of the Missourians who invaded Kansas. Its first acts were to unseat all but one of the free state men and to adopt in their entirety the laws of Missouri as those of Kansas. Kansas free state men never recognized the acts of this legislature, although it is said that the territorial governors attempted to enforce them.

Several times attempts have been made to preserve the building, but it has never come of them. It has been suggested now, however, that the building be repaired and converted into a museum, where relics of early Kansas could be gathered.

## FARMERS AT K. S. A. C.

Classes in Farm and Home Week in Manhattan.

Manhattan, Kan., Dec. 27.—Several hundred Kansas farmers were here today for the beginning of "Farm and Home Week" at the Kansas State Agricultural college.

During the week it is planned to hold exhibitions of farm products and live stock, to award prizes to boys and girls who have made progress in various county agricultural club competitions and to hold a number of departmental meetings for the purpose of giving the active farmers the benefit of the research work of the institutions and of the experience of other farmers.

It is planned also to hold regular classes for the men in soils, crops, live stock, dairying, poultry, fruit growing and animal diseases, while classes will be held for the women in cooking, sewing, textiles and home management.

A number of farmers' organizations will meet here during the week. These include the Kansas Crop Improvement association, the State Swine Breeders' and Growers, the Kansas Horse Breeders' association, the State Fruit Growers' union, the Kansas State Dairy association, the Kansas Poultry Federation and organizations of sheep and beef producers.

Another feature of the program planned will be a rural life conference for Kansans interested in civic development. At this methods of improving the standard of rural life will be discussed.

## SUGAR SEASON ENDED

Garden City Plant Averaged 25,000 Sacks of Sugar Daily.

Garden City, Kan., Dec. 27.—The Garden City Sugar Land company closed their 1915 sugar campaign last week with a pack of 100,000 sacks of sugar. Their daily average has been about 25,000 sacks.

Aside from the sugar manufactured, the beet pulp is dried and sacked at the rate of 1,000 sacks every twenty-four hours. This has found a ready market among the stock food manufacturers and has been shipped out nearly as fast as made. The \$2,000 per day that it cost the company to operate the factory, and the \$125,000 paid the farmers for the beets makes a very nice financial close for the year 1915 in this community.

## READING COURSE AT HOME.

Kansans May Study Agriculture or Home Economics Through K. S. A. C.

Manhattan, Kan., Dec. 27.—Home reading courses put out by the home study service of the division of extension in the Kansas State Agricultural college are expected to create widespread interest throughout the state. They have been prepared especially for busy people and are offered free of charge.

Included are courses in agriculture, agricultural engineering and home economics. All of them are based on popular publications and bulletins of the agricultural college and of the United States department of agriculture.

Material used is easy, interesting, and pleasant reading and is furnished on application, together with a brief assignment and a few practical suggestions to enable any one to get the important points. The farmer, for instance, may undertake to read a number of the most up-to-date bulletins and circulars on farm crops under specific direction and supervision. The courses are so planned that one publication may be finished at one reading or may be used for two or three readings.

## REHEARSE FOR MESSIAH.

Practice at Pittsburg Normal Begins After the Holidays.

Pittsburg, Kan., Dec. 27.—Rehearsals for the spring musical festival's feature, "The Messiah," will begin immediately after the Christmas vacation at the State Manual Training Normal. Prof. Walter McCray, who scored a great success with "The Messiah" last spring, will train a chorus of 50 voices for the oratorio masterpiece. The Minneapolis Symphony orchestra has been engaged for two appearances the last day of the festival. This noted musical organization of 54 members has been arranged for at a cost of nearly \$2,000.

Five thousand visitors heard "The Messiah" sung last May.

## BUYS OKLAHOMA PAPER.

"Bill" McDowell of El Dorado Will Run Altus Times Next Year.

El Dorado, Kan., Dec. 27.—W. F. McDowell, known to El Dorado folks as "Bill," has purchased the Altus, Okla., Times, and following his retirement from the road, Jan. 15, will take active charge of the paper. He has spent the last eight years in the employ of the Kansas City Paper house.

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## See the Window Display

Your special attention is directed to the window display of suits—the whole front and clear around to the 9th Street entrance. If you are down town tomorrow, be sure to see it; decide on the suit you want and be down bright and early in the morning.

In keeping with the new policy of the "Big Store" of not carrying over a single item of seasonable merchandise, we are going to hold a sweeping clearance sale of women's suits—a sale that includes every suit in our entire stock; which has been acknowledged to be the largest and the finest apparel stock in Topeka this season. There is every desirable style, including the popular Russian flares and the ripple effects.

\$10.00 suits . . . \$ 5.00	\$30.00 suits . . . \$15.00
12.50 suits . . . 6.25	35.00 suits . . . 17.50
15.00 suits . . . 7.50	40.00 suits . . . 20.00
18.75 suits . . . 9.38	45.00 suits . . . 22.50
19.75 suits . . . 9.88	50.00 suits . . . 25.00
20.00 suits . . . 10.00	55.00 suits . . . 27.50
25.00 suits . . . 12.50	65.00 suits . . . 32.50

You are probably familiar with the price of the suit you want—when you come to buy it you will find it has not been changed. The original price tickets are on all suits, and in making out the check the saleswoman will simply deduct half from the plainly-marked, original, regular selling price. Here at the "Big Store" tomorrow you can buy a suit for very much less than the whole-sale cost. And you can have your unrestricted choice of the entire stock.

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Watch for the  
**Sale of Coats**

—details in a few days

Not a single suit is reserved—the ones that came in right after Thanksgiving are included just the same as the others. Incidentally, there are not more than a dozen suits that have been here over two months. Included are a number of advance Spring models made up of winter materials. No matter what style, color or material you want, you will find it here—and at exactly one-half price. And there are plenty of all sizes in all styles and colors.

Materials—	Colors—	Trimmings—
Serges	Tans	Fur trimmed styles
Poplins	Blues	Self trimmed styles
Coverts	Grays	Plain tailored styles
Whipcords	Blacks	Braid trimmed styles
Gabardines	Greens	Button trimmed styles
Broadcloths	Browns	Leather trimmed styles

This sweeping one-half price clearance sale of suits is indicative of the way the "Big Store" has been doing big things for the last few months—and of how it is going to keep on doing big things in a big way in the months and the years to come. It is indicative of the "Big Store's" desire to always give the customer every possible advantage. It is a sale without an equal in the history of Topeka merchandising—a sale of greatest, money-saving interest.

## Mink Mole Lynx Wolf Fitch Coney Sable Beaver Marten Ermine Red Fox

## ALL FURS 1-3 OFF

Right at the very threshold of winter, and before we have had any real fur weather, comes this sweeping, one-third off clearance sale of the largest and most carefully selected stock of furs in Kansas.

\$12.50 sets . . . \$ 8.37	\$100.00 sets . . . \$ 66.67	\$ 35.00 coats . . . \$ 23.33
15.00 sets . . . 10.00	150.00 sets . . . 100.00	50.00 coats . . . 33.33
25.00 sets . . . 16.67	200.00 sets . . . 133.33	100.00 coats . . . 66.67
50.00 sets . . . 33.33	300.00 sets . . . 200.00	200.00 coats . . . 133.33
75.00 sets . . . 50.00	500.00 sets . . . 333.33	300.00 coats . . . 200.00

Please bear in mind that not a single set or coat is reserved—you can take your unrestricted choice of the entire stock. We will break any set (except children's) and sell the scarf or muff separately.



## All trimmed hats in 4 lots

Considering the high quality and the style of our millinery and the earliness of the season, this radical price reduction is, indeed, most remarkable.

Trimmed hats worth up to \$6 . . . \$2	Trimmed hats worth up to \$10 . . . \$4
Trimmed hats worth up to \$7.50 . . . \$3	Trimmed hats worth up to \$15 . . . \$5

Included are hats of all kinds; ostrich trimmed, flower trimmed, wing trimmed and fur trimmed hats—our entire millinery stock on sale in four lots as above.



## All suits in the basement on sale in 3 lots

Lot 1 includes suits worth up to \$10.00 . . .	\$3.98
Lot 2 includes suits worth up to \$15.00 . . .	\$6.75
Lot 3 includes suits worth up to \$25.00 . . .	\$9.50

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